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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM USUN NEW YORK DATED JANUARY 17,
1978 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO CAPE TOWN, LONDON,
PRETORIA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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DEPARTMENT PASS TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM DON MCHENRY

LONDON FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA

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1. DICK MOOSE'S REPORT ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVID

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OWEN ON NAMIBIA IS ENCOURAGING IN THAT IT SHOWS MORE FLEXIBILITY
AND SENSITIVITY THAN THE BRITISH HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN ON
THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION, CERTAINLY MORE THAN IS REFLECTED
AT STAFF LEVELS IN NEW YORK. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXPLORE OWEN'S
SUGGESTION FOR A FOREIGN MINISTER-LEVEL CONFERENCE WITH THE
SOUTH AFRICANS. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD BE SURE TO KEEP FRANCE,
FRG AND CANADA CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH OUR THINKING. I

SUGGEST THAT THE ALREADY SCHEDULED MEETING ON NAMIBIA, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR VENTING OWEN'S SUGGESTION. AS YOU KNOW, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE FOREIGN OFFICES (INCLUDING MOOSE FOR US AND PHILLIP MANSFIELD FOR THE UK) WILL SPEND THE DAY IN NEW YORK DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR GENERAL REACTION TO OWEN'S SUGGESTION AND WE MIGHT DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER WHEN THE GROUP MEETS ON WEDNESDAY.

2. WE ARE PASSING TO YOU REFTEL (B)THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA.
YOUNG
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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